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Michigan July 1 Small Grains Forecast

Michigan's 2015 winter wheat production is forecast at 38.0 million bushels according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. This report is based on current conditions, as of July 1, 2015. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report are as follows:

The Michigan winter wheat yield is forecast at 76 bushels per acre, up two bushels from the previous year. Winter wheat progressed ahead of last year, with 26 percent mature by June 28, compared to the 6 percent last year. Condition was 65 percent good to excellent at the end of June. There have been reports of scab and rust in wheat.

Oat yield in Michigan is forecast at 68 bushels per acre, which would be a 1 bushel decrease from last year. Oat planting finished ahead of the 5 year average in late May, but the crop is now behind both last year and the 5 year average. By June 28, 71 percent was headed, compared to 81 percent last year and the 5 year average of 74 percent.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the June 1 forecast but up 6 percent from 2014. Based on July 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 43.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month but up 1.1 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2015 but up 3 percent from last year.

U.S. oat production is forecast at 83.6 million bushels, up 20 percent from 2014. Growers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres for grain or seed, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2015, but up 19 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 68.6 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from 2014. If realized, this will be a new record high United States yield, 0.7 bushel higher than the previous record high in 2009.

Crop Summary, July 2015

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Oats						
Planted1,000 acres	50	50	65	2,980	2,723	3,064
Harvested1,000 acres	30	40	45	1,009	1,029	1,220
Yield Bushels	62.0	69.0	68.0	64.1	67.7	68.6
Production 1,000 bu	1,860	2,760	3,060	64,642	69,684	83,640
Wheat, winter						
Planted1,000 acres	620	570	530	43,230	42,399	40,620
Harvested1,000 acres	590	485	500	32,650	32,304	33,329
Yield Bushels	75.0	74.0	76.0	47.3	42.6	43.7
Production 1,000 bu	44,250	35,890	38,000	1,542,902	1,377,526	1,455,516